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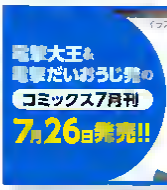

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WAY TO GO, ICCHAN.
YOUR HAPPINESS COMES FROM THE SMILES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.

HEY, ITSUKI.
HUH?!

YOU'RE ALWAYS A NOISY CHIRPER, ITSUKI.
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF ABOUT? YOU AN AIRHEAD OR SOMETHING?
WHAT?! I'M NOT AN AIRHEAD! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU-SUKE?!

Stop!
WOW, THAT IS SO COLD... I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL FRIENDS HERE.
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE! I HATE MY NAME IT SOUNDS SO BOYISH.

HONESTLY, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME "ITSUKI"?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU THEN?
MY SURNAME "SUOU" WOULD BE FINE

ICCHAN.
TANOSHI...
I-IS THAT SO?
I THINK IT'S A NICE NAME.
AHA HA..
ALRIGHT LET'S GO WITH ICCHAN THEN
YOUR NAME'S NOT THE ONLY BOYISH THING ABOUT YOU THOUGH RIGHT?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
AH! RIGHT.
I WOULDN'T REALLY CALL IT A DATE RIGHT, ICCHAN?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT A DATE IS!
HUH?!
LET'S SEE... ALL YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO DO IS MEET AT THE STATION, DO SOME SHOPPING, EAT FOOD, AND WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER!
YEAH! YOU CAN'T CALL THAT A DATE!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN CALLED SINCE KINDERGARTEN SO I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED
HMM...
MAO'S GONNA GET JEALOUS DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST DATE WITH HER TOMORROW?
"DATE"

WELL, I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T KNOW SINCE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ON ONE.
QUIT TEASING!
.....
HEY, TANOSHI, TAKE IT EASY. I'LL LAY DOWN A FEW GOLDEN DATING STRATEGIES SO YOU CAN MAKE THE PERFECT DECISIONS!
ICCHAN'S RIGHT YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING THIS, YOU-SUKE
YOU GOT CONFESSED TO, RIGHT? THERE'S NOTHING TO MISUNDER-STAND HERE.
RIGHT? ITSUKI?
Uh, Yeah!
STILL, THOUGH...
FLASH
MAO'S REALLY CUTE, MAN...
THERE WERE ALL SORTS OF RUMORS ABOUT HER... LIKE HOW SHE MIGHT'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH A COLLEGE STUDENT IN TOKYO.
.....
WHAT A SURPRISE THAT SHE'D CHOOSE YOU, TANOSHI.

HEY! SINCE WHEN WAS THAT TOWER BUILT?
HUH?
WERE THEY BUILDING SOMETHING LIKE THAT EARLIER?
HUH? ARE YOU SERIOUS? IT WAS ON THE NEWS BEFORE. ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IS FOOLING AROUND.
LOOKS LIKE... A RADIO TOWER? BUT WHY WOULD THEY PUT ONE HERE?
WHO CARES? WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS COMING UP WITH A STRATEGY FOR YOUR DATE WITH MISS MAO
.....
HEY! LET'S RACE TO YOUSUKE'S HOUSE!
HUH?! NO! ARE YOU A KID OR SOMETHING?
IT'S FINE! LET'S RUN!
WHAT?! WHY'RE YOU PLAYING ALONG WITH THIS, TANOSHI?!

#1 INSIDE THE SEA BREEZE AND THE MORNING SUN

Go ahead and sit anywhere you like.
Okey dokey
!!
I'VE PREPARED SOME FOR TANOSHI'S TASTES TOO, YOU KNOW.
WHAT'RE YOU HIDING? LEMME SEE IT.
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE SEEING!!
NO! NO...!!
WHAT'S WRONG, ICCHAN? YOUR FACE IS RED...

!!!
WAAAHHH!!!
IC-CHAN... WH..T'S WRONG?
YOU'RE BEING PRETTY NOISY...
UGH... OW...
HMM?
IC-CHAN?!
GAH!!
MEN'S
YOU REALLY DO LOOK LIKE HIM ALL THINGS CONSIDERED
MAYBE YOU GUYS WERE TWINS WHO WERE SEPARATED DURING BIRTH?
HEY TANOSHI, YOU SHOULD GO ASK YOUR MOM ABOUT THIS!

YOUSUKE! DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT STUFF!
WHY ARE YOU GETTING WORKED UP ABOUT IT?
TANOSHI TURNED DARKER BECAUSE OF KAIRI!
HUH?
TANOSHI WAS A NORMAL, BRIGHT KID UP UNTIL MIDDLE SCHOOL... UP UNTIL "JUCE" DEBUTED.
THEN HE BECAME SURROUNDED BY GIRLS HE DIDN'T KNOW AND WAS EVEN SECRETLY PHOTO-GRAPHED...
IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T LIKE GIRLS?
HMM... IT'S MORE LIKE...
I'M SCARED OF THEM. THEY CAN BE PUSHY.
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S BEEN HURT BY THEM BE-FORE TOO!
I WASN'T ASKING YOU, YOU KNOW.

AND EVEN THOUGH I HAVE MY OWN IDENTI-TY.
IT FEELS WRONG TO BE INTER-ESTING JUST BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE SOME OTHER GUY
YEAH, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE YOUR OWN IDENTITY, TANOSHI! I KNOW VERY WELL!
BUT BEING THE SPLITTING IMAGE OF AN IDOL MEANS YOU'RE A REAL LOOKER! THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A WASTE OF TALENT!

I REALLY DID NOT EXPECT SHINSHIRO TO ASK ME OUT LIKE THIS.
SHE WAS SAYING HOW IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MY FACE AND HOW I'M A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL...
"I DON'T CARE IF YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDOL I CARE ABOUT WHAT'S UNDERNEATH,"
THAT'S WHAT SHE TOLD ME...
ドキ...
WAS THERE SOME SORT OF TRIGGER FOR THIS?
AH!!
MAYBE BECAUSE WE ARE IN THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT GROUP...
HEY, HERE! CHECK THIS OUT!

THIS CHICK! ISN'T SHE MAO? SHE'S DEFINITELY MAO, RIGHT?!
NO WAY.. MAO?
YEAH, IT REALLY IS..
HUH?!
WAIT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW EITHER? AREN'T YOU GUYS FRIENDS?
WELL, I HEARD RUMORS THAT SHE'S INVOLVED IN A STUDIO, BUT THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING
SEEING THIS MAKES ME A LITTLE NERVOUS..
SHINSHIRO'S A REALLY NICE PERSON TOO.. A LITTLE SURPRISING, THOUGH..
HUH, REALLY?
HMM BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY THE TYPE WHO WILL BE HATED BY OTHER GIRLS I CAN TELL
SHE'D REALLY GET OSTRACIZED, SHE WOULD.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! MAO'S A GOOD GIRL. SHE'S JUST GETS MISUNDERSTOOD EASILY.
BUT YOU'RE JUST PRETENDING YOU GET ALONG WITH HER, AREN'T YOU? MAN, GIRLS SURE ARE SCARY
NO WAY!

I REALLY LIKE MAO!!
WELL! BASICALLY THIS JUST MEANS TANOSHI GETS TO NAB A CELEBRITY AS HIS GIRL-FRIEND.
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR HIM! YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND'S DATING A CELEBRITY, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
"CELEB-RITY"?
THAT MIGHT NOT EVEN BE MAO, YOU KNOW! SHE NEVER TOLD ME BEFORE!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HER TO HIDE THIS FROM ME ANYWAYS!!
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU'RE A JEA-LOUS BOY-FRIEND!
RELAX AND TAKE A SEAT. YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
NO.
I CAN POP A BEER IN THE FRIDGE FOR YOU.
ARE YOU STUPID?!
I'M JUST JOKING, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO GULLIBLE. YOU WON'T BE-COME POPUL AR WITH AN ATTI-TUDE LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW?
I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT FROM YOU!

HUH, ITSUKI, YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY HEADSTRONG. I GUESS I REALLY DO PREFER A DOCILE GIRL LIKE MAO!
SHIT, I'M SO JEALOUS OF YOU, TANOSHI. I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO WIN HER HEART!
THE SCHOOL'S ONE AND ONLY "MR. POPULAR" AND A STREET DANCER.
A LADIES MAN, AND EVEN THOUGH HE KEEPS AN UNTIDY APPEARANCE, HE IS NEVER SATISFIED WITH HIS POPULARITY. HE'S MY ARCH ENEMY.
THIS PERSON IS YOUSUKE KIDO.
YOU GUYS SEEM LIKE A GOOD FIT FOR EACH OTHER TO ME, THOUGH.
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HMM? YOU TWO, ICCHAN AND YOUSUKE

THAT'S NOT FUNNY. THIS GUY'S A TOTAL LECHER!
THAT HURTS, ITSUKI.
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I'M ACTUALLY A PRETTY SERIOUS PERSON, YOU KNOW?
OH. IS THAT WHAT THEY CALL A "GAP MOE"?
TANOSHI, STOP JOKING AROUND!
TANOSHI SASAMOTO. TANOSHI IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND FROM KINDERGARTEN.
BECAUSE HE'S HONEST AND SOFT-SPOKEN. HE'S OFTEN MISTAKEN AS BEING COOL-HEADED, BUT HE'S REALLY JUST SHY.
IT'S DEFINITELY STRANGE, THOUGH. I WONDER WHY SHE CHOSE SOMEONE LIKE ME...
DON'T SAY THAT! I CAN LIST SO MANY OF YOUR GOOD ASPECTS!
UMM, FOR ONE, YOU'RE GREAT AT THE PIANO.
AND WHEN YOU GET ANGRY YOUR EARS GET RED IN A SUPER CUTE WAY!

THANKS, ICCHAN...

AH! AND WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU, YOU SMILE REALLY OFTEN!
YOU'RE REALLY CHEER-FUL-
HOLD ON, ANY MORE AND YOU'RE GONNA EM-BARRASS ME!
REALLY? I HAVE MORE THOUGH

MAO AND TANOSHI AREN'T GONNA BE LIKE THAT!
I WASN'T ASKING YOU
BUT ...!!

.....

SO TANOSHI, HOW FAR ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO IN TO-MORROW'S DATE?
HOW FAR...?

IF YOU'RE THAT INTERESTED, WHY DON'T YOU TAG ALONG WITH THEM?
HUH?!
YEAH! YOU SHOULD COME TOO, ICCHAN. I CAN'T HANDLE GOING BY MYSELF, ANYWAYS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA TALK ABOUT AND I WANT YOU TO BE THERE!
HUH?
HUH? HUH?
WAIT!
UH
OKAY... SURE! IF IT BENEFITS BOTH OF US...
ALL RIGHT! IT'S DECIDED!
THANKS, ICCHAN!

Sigh
DANG, THIS SURE MAKES ME JEALOUS
WHY DON'T YOU GO ON THE DATE INSTEAD OF ME THEN!
WAIT, REALLY?! I'M GONNA CLEAR ALL THE BASES WITH HER THOUGH.
IS THAT ALL THAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
AHA HAHA
WHAT AM I SAYING I'M ONLY GONNA GET IN THE WAY!
BUT I'M PRETTY CURIOUS ABOUT DATING
AND IF I CAN HELP TANOSHI...
?
ALL RIGHTY THEN! I'LL ARRANGE A GREAT DATE FOR YOU TWO!
YO, ITSUKI! MR. ITSUKI!
I'LL TRY MY BEST FOR YOU!

Argh!
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
OW!
I'LL JOIN IN!
HUH?! WAIT, STOP!
Ow...
TANO-SHI, YOUR PERSONALITY REALLY CHANGES WHEN YOU'RE HANGING OUT WITH US!
AT SCHOOL YOU'RE JUST A GLOOMY HONOR STUDENT...
HE'S NOT GLOOMY! HE'S A SERIOUS PERSON.
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TO TANOSHI, SERIOUSLY?
HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
SERIOUSLY, HOW DID THIS IDIOTIC GUY END UP ENTERING OUR FRIENDSHIP...
DON'T CALL HIM IDIOTIC YOSUKE'S A GOOD GUY.
SPARE THAT LAST REMARK, TANOSHI
DESPITE HOW HE MIGHT SEEM

IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE...
IF THESE KIND OF DAYS COULD CONTINUE FOREVER.
DID GETTING CONFESSED TO BY MAO DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
SORTA!
SORRY, IT WAS A PRETTY UNUSUAL THING THAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW
WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

ADD ME IN TOO!
FINE, GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
YEP! OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL NEVER WAVER!
LET'S STAY LIKE THIS FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
THANK YOU! I'M GLAD I COULD BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU, ICCHAN.
NOW WE ARE BONDED INSEPA-RABLY!

WHAT STARTED YOUR DATING RELATION-SHIP?
UMM... I WASN'T EXPECTING IT AT ALL, BUT DURING CLUB TIME...
YUU...♡
UHH. IT WAS OBVIOUS SENA HAD THE HOTS FOR ME TOO. WHEN OUR EYES MET, HER FACE GOT REALLY RED! ♡
WHAT, NO WAY... ♡

HEY YOU-SUKE. WERE THERE ANY INTERESTING INCIDENTS RECENTLY? I WANNA COVER IT FOR THE NEWS CLUB
O_O
NEWS CLUB? BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY MEMBER OF THAT CLUB
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL! IT'S JUST THAT THE MEMBERS ARE ALL CASUALS...

I'M REALLY NOT FIT TO BE A REPORTER...
HUH?!
WE WERE JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART!
WAIT, ARE WE DONE?

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I GUESS JOURNALISM IS THE WAY TO GO...
SO LOUD...

NO...
NOT REALLY...
TANOSHI, WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU GOT ANYTHING FOR ME?
HUH?
HEY ITSUKI WHY DON'T YOU ASK THAT GIRL?
HER NAME'S SHINAKO. SHINAKO KONOE.
YOU CAN CALL IT "APPROACHING THE SECRET OF THE MYSTERIOUS BEAUTY!"
I TOLD YOU! I DON'T LIKE MAKING TALK SHOWS!
AH!
HERE, I'LL DO THE FILMING IT'S FINE TO BE THE INTERVIEW SUBJECT SOMETIMES TOO, RIGHT?
I WANT TO BE A JOURNALIST NOT SOME ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER...

IT'S NOT FINE YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A SHOT SOMETIMES
HUH?! I'M FINE, REALLY.
I'VE REALIZED FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS TAKING VIDEOS OF OTHER PEOPLE AND NOT YOURSELF RIGHT?
T-THEN, I GUESS SOMETIMES I SHOULD
HEY, THIS SEEMS PRETTY INTERESTING!
YOU SURE? MY PRICE ISN'T CHEAP, YOU KNOW.
THIS MARKS THE FORMATION OF FIRST YEAR CLASS C'S "GET-ALONG GROUP"! TAKE A REAL GOOD SHOT!
PEACE!
YOUSUKE, START DANCING!
REC

YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
I HATE PRETTY BOYS LIKE YOU.
YUU, YOUR FACE IS PRETTY TOO! ♡
ALL I NEEDED WAS FOR YOU TO SAY THAT, SENA!
ALL RIGHTY, WE'RE ALL SATISFIED NOW...
ACTUALLY, SAY SOMETHING ITSUKI
HUH?!
UMM... SO...
WHAT?! ARE YOU GETTING NERVOUS?!
THAT'S SO CUTE-
ARRRGH!!
REC

AHAHAHAHAHA
THIS ISN'T BEING INCLUDED IN AN ARTICLE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S VALUE IN RECORDING TRIVIAL THINGS LIKE THIS DO YOU?
YEAH!
THIS PART'S THE BEST! IT'S WORTHY TO BE IN A COLLECTOR'S VERSION!
NO, ALL COUPLES ARE DUMB
UHH IS THIS A DUMB COUPLE?
DAMN, THE PRETTY BOY SOUNDED PRETTY CONVINCING THERE! I DON'T REALLY GET IT THOUGH.
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT I FEEL HE'S RIGHT!
WELL, I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED. IF EVERYONE SAYS SO, THEN LET'S KEEP SHOOTING!

ITSUKA, ARE YOU INTERVIEWING PEOPLE AGAIN?
AH!
MAO!
THAT LOOKS REALLY FUN!
……
OKAY! LET'S INCLUDE A GRAVURE OF THE SCHOOL'S PRETTIEST GIRL!
OH… THEN IT'LL BE MORE LIKE A MAGAZINE THAN A NEWSPAPER!

HEY, ITSUKI... ♡
I HAVE AN INCIDENT FOR YOU
DO YOU WANT TO COVER IT?
RE LLY? WHAT IS IT?
OK!
I CONFESSED TO TANOSHI TODAY!
HE SAID "YES" AND OUR FIRST DATE IS TOMORROW!
REC

!!
ITSUKI, YOU'LL BE CHEERING US ON, RIGHT?
HUH?! WHAT?
AH! ARE YOU PERHAPS FEELING SAD THAT YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND WAS TAKEN FROM YOU?
THAT'S COMPLETELY FINE! I'M NOT THAT NARROW-MINDED!
IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
ITSUKI?
HUH?

ITSUKI, I'M SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU THIS WHOLE TIME.
I REALLY LIKE TANOSHI. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH HIS SIMILARITY TO KAIRI, I PROMISE.
I WAS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT. SO I COULDN'T ASK FOR ADVICE...
I REALLY HAD NO IDEA...
WE'RE IN THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT GROUP RIGHT?
HE ALWAYS CASUALLY FOLLOWS UP ON MY MISTAKES AND TAKES THE INITIATIVE ON ALL THE CHORES I DISLIKE
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM?

I SEE...
I GET PRESSURED BY THE UPPERCLASSMEN SINCE THEY DON'T LIKE ME...
AND THE PERSON WHO ENDS UP HELPING ME IS TANOSHI
THAT'S WHY WHAT EVERYONE'S SAYING ABOUT HOW "HE LOOKS JUST LIKE AN IDOL AND IS MATURE AND HONEST" IS WRONG
HE'S ACTUALLY A REALLY KIND AND SINCERE PERSON, I FEEL
.....
I GUESS I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO FIGURED OUT THIS SIDE OF TANOSHI...
Ugh.
AH... ALL'S SAID AND DONE, BUT I'M STILL GONNA END UP JOINING THEIR DATE...
PING!

SIGH
...
THAT YOU SAID ALL THOSE THINGS BUT IS IT ALRIGHT IF I COME ALONG?
MAO
HUH? WHY DO YOU WANT TO COME?
WELL, I GUESS IT'LL BE NERVE-RACKING WITH JUST US TWO MAYBE YOU CAN COME AND HELP ME OUT WITH ARRANGEMENTS
IT'S GREAT THAT MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND MY BEST FRIEND ARE DATING
MAYBE I DID SOMETHING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
MAO
THANKS! <3 YOU'RE SO NICE, ITSUKI <3
I'LL TRY MY BEST FOR YOU TWO!
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ICCHAN!
THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.
NO PROBLEM! I WAS WORRIED I MIGHT END UP BECOMING A NUISANCE, THOUGH.
I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS
WHERE'S MAO?
WHOA... I'M ACTUALLY GETTING PRETTY EXCITED
NOT HERE YET, I THINK
YOU'RE REALLY A KIND PERSON, ICCHAN.
I NEED TO MAKE SURE THEIR DATE GOES WELL!

WHAT'S WRONG THOUGH? WHY THE GLOOMY FACE?
AH...
YEAH... I'M ACTUALLY STILL CONFUSED...
I'VE NEVER REALLY SPOKEN WITH SHINSHIRO...
I GUESS I REALLY DON'T KNOW THE REASON SHE CONFESSED TO ME...
THE REASON...
REALLY?
YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE! JUST DO YOUR BEST!
YOUR SMILE IS THE CUTEST THING EVER!
FORGET ABOUT THE REASONS. THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL FIRST DATE. YOU HAVE TO TRY TO ENJOY IT!
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ICCHAN...
YOU'RE RIGHT! THANKS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT.

TANOSHI!
AH...
ITSUKI WHAT'S WRONG?
UMM THE TEDDY BEAR
OH, THAT.
IT BECAME REALLY DIRTY SO I HAD TO THROW IT AWAY
AH! SHIN-SHIRO!
I'M SORRY, DID I MAKE YOU WAIT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
HUH? DO YOU ACTUALLY STILL HAVE YOURS, ITSUKI?
.....

YOU'RE AN EYESORE.
YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING TO MAKE MY BOYFRIEND OGLE YOU, AREN'T YOU?
DON'T GET COCKY BECAUSE YOU HAVE THAT JOB OF YOURS.
HUH?
THAT GIRL'S FROM MY CLASS...
IS SHE GETTING BULLIED BY THE UPPER-CLASSMEN?
NO WAY!!
YOU KNOW,
THERE'S RUMORS GOING AROUND THAT YOU'RE A SCHOOLGIRL PROSTITUTE.

SLIP
DIVINE RETRI BUTION!!
ARGH!
OW!
WHO'S THIS?! IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?!
NO
OW, THAT HURT
UMM... ARE YOU OKAY?
MAO! NOW THAT I'M HERE, THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR!
I'M TAKING A PICTURE OF THIS!
WHAT?

SO WE CAN CATCH THE BULLYING!
HUH?!
YEAH!!
HUH? WHAT?!
THIS IS SO WEIRD, LET'S JUST GO.
MAYBE IT'LL BE BEST IF WE WEREN'T INVOLVED HERE...
YOU'RE IN MY CLASS RIGHT? WE NEVER EVEN TALKED BUT THANK YOU.
HUH?! I SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING FOR FAILING JUST NOW
YOU PURPOSELY TRIPPED SO THEY WON'T GET ANGRY, RIGHT?
HUH?! WHAT?
UH. NO! I DIDN'T PURPOSELY TRIP IN ANY WAY..
THAT'S WEIRD.. I WAS PLANNING TO LOOK COOL WHILE CHASING THEM AWAY...
UMM...
THANKS FOR SAVING ME

MY NAME'S ITSUKI SUOU, NICE TO MEET YOU!
I JUST COULDN'T STAND AND WATCH SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN IN FRONT OF ME!
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HOW COOL OF YOU...
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT!
I'M JUST TOO USED TO BEING HATED BY GIRLS AROUND ME...
YOU'RE PRETTY SO THEY'RE JUST BEING PREJUDICED! IF YOU CAN'T STAND IT, YOU HAVE TO SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR!
BUT I GUESS I'M NOT THE RIGHT PERSON TO GIVE THIS KIND OF ADVICE
I GOT IT. CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO SAVE ME AGAIN?
YOU SURE CAN! OH, AND SORRY FOR CALLING YOU "MAO" EARLIER, I WAS TRYING TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE WERE CLOSE.
NO PROBLEM!
I'D BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE A FRIEND WHO I CAN HAVE A FIRST-NAME BASIS FROM THE START!
WILL YOU BE FRIENDS WITH ME?
OF COURSE!
THAT'S GREAT!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A FRIEND!
THIS IS THANKS FOR YESTERDAY AND A MARK OF A LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIP. DO YOU LIKE IT?
WHOA...
ITSUKI, HERE.
IT'S A MATCHING PAIR.
I LOVE IT! THANKS MAO!

HOW'S IT LOOK?
パシャ！
.....
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! WOW, ISN'T THIS REALLY RISKY?!
HEY, ISN'T THAT KAIRI? AND IS THAT GIRL ALSO AN IDOL?

TANOSHI, YOU'RE NOT KAIRI!
WE ARE JUST GOING TO IGNORE THEM.
RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT!

RIGHT, ICCHAN?
HUH?!

Y... YEAH!

WE'RE GOING TO THE MOVIES NEXT, RIGHT?
YEAH..

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HMM?
MIND IF WE TALK?
YOU REALLY CAN'T READ THE ATMOSPHERE CAN YOU?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TANOSHI WANTED YOU TO COME NO MATTER WHAT I WAS TRYING TO HOLD IT BACK, BUT WOULDN'T SOMEONE REFRAIN FROM DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
HUH? BUT I WAS ASKED TO...
WOULD YOU NORMALLY GET IN THE WAY BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TANOSHI TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU?
I'M NOT TRYING TO GET IN THE WAY!
STOP LYING.
YOU'RE AWARE, RIGHT?!
YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WAY!
……!

I CAME HERE FOR TANOSHI AND MAO'S SAKE
THAT'S WHAT I SAID, BUT...
I'M... NOT
YOU COWARD.
COWARD...
N... NO, I'M NOT...
YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE A SOFT-HEARTED PERSON JUST SO YOU CAN BREAK MY HEART LATER, AREN'T YOU?!
ARE YOU SAYING I'M WRONG?! HYPOCRITE!
I HATE YOU, ITSUKI!
CO-WARD
HYPO-CRITE

AH!
HUH...
ICCHAN'S...
I HAD HER GO HOME.
NOW WE'RE ALL ALONE.
HUH?
HOW CLUMSY OF HER! SHE SPILLED HER DRINK. DID SHE GET ANY ON YOU?
IC-CHAN?!
ANYWAYS, WE HAVE A MOVIE AFTER THIS...
DIDN'T YOU FEEL ITSUKI COULDN'T READ THE ATMOSPHERE A LITTLE?
A NORMAL PERSON WOULD'VE HAVE NOTICED, RIGHT? SHE JUST CAN'T TAKE A HINT UNLESS YOU TELL HER.
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I HOPE... ICCHAN'S OKAY.
SO THAT MUST'VE BEEN WHY YOU ASKED HER TO COME RIGHT?
THE MOVIE WAS GOOD, WASN'T IT? NEXT TIME WE SHOULD—
.....

OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D PURPOSELY ASK ANOTHER GIRL TO COME WITH US.
……!
HUH?
SHIN-SHIRO?
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU...

!
I DON'T NEED WORDS
TO ANSWER THAT, RIGHT?

AH!

I'M... TERRIBLE...
IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT MAO SAID... I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO DATE...
THAT'S WHY I GOT IN THEIR WAY...
I'M TER-RIBLE...
SHE MIGHT NOT FORGIVE ME, BUT...
I'LL APOLOGIZE TOMORROW...
I HATE YOU, ITSUKI!
TER-RIBLE...

BECAUSE OF ME, BOTH OF THEM GOT HURT...
I'LL GO APOLOGIZE TO ICCHAN AND SHINSHIRO...
TOMOR-ROW...
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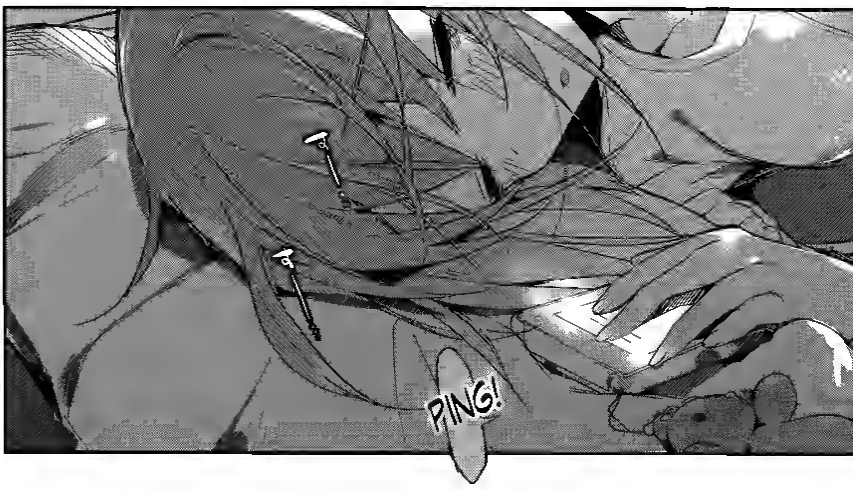
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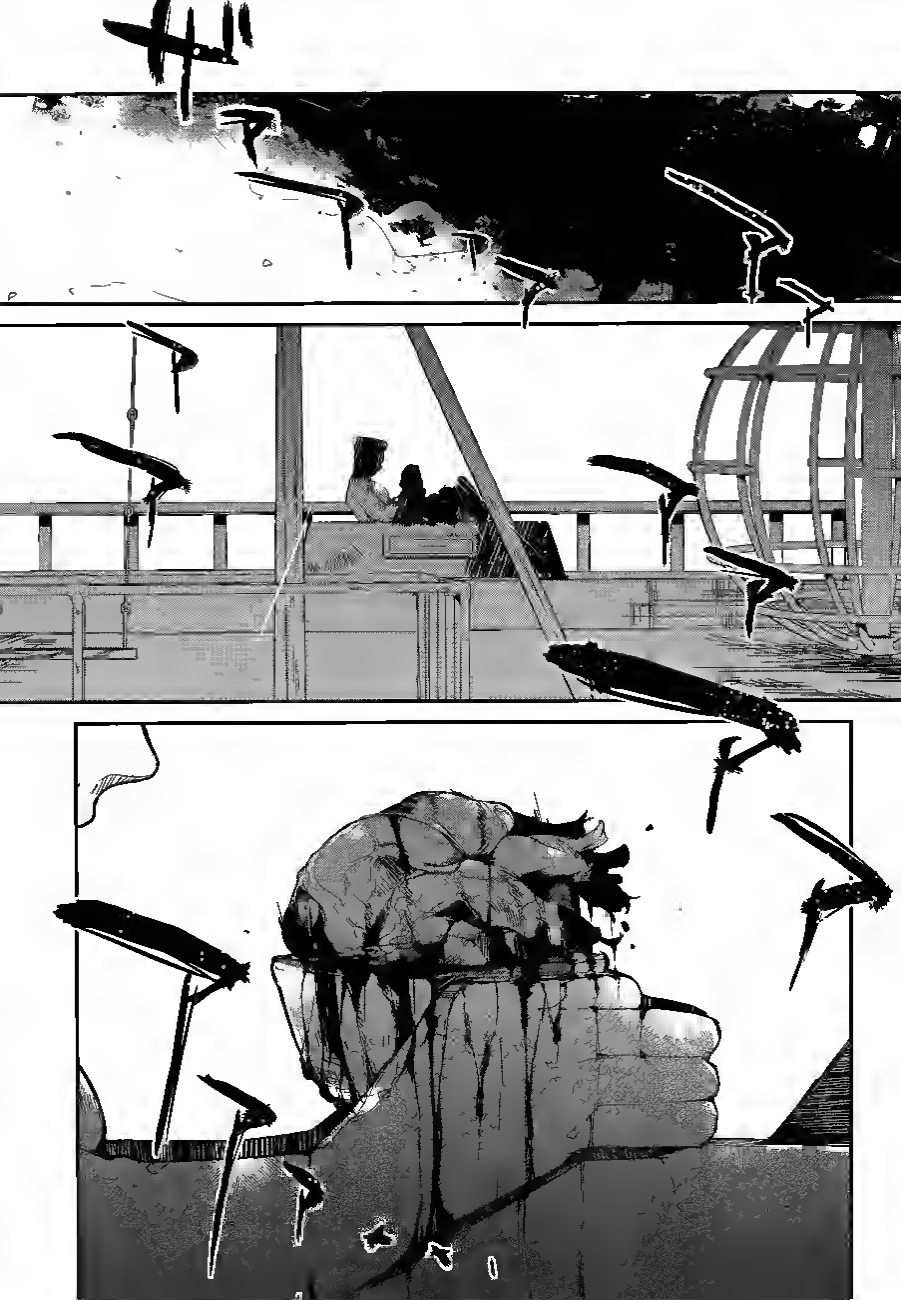

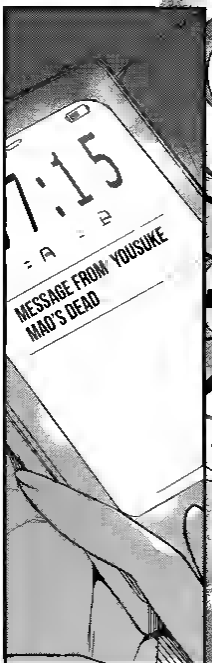

THERE WAS NO "MORNING SUN" FOR THE GIRLS...

THEIR DAILY LIVES ARE CHANGING!!

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